

July 11, 2023  
Chase County Commissioners

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jacci Brown at 8:00am on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also present were commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp and Kurt Bernhardt as well as County Clerk Wendy Moe, County Attorney Joel Burke, Sheriff Kevin Mueller and road secretary Jeni Lotspeich. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

The clerk administered the oath of office to newly appointed District 1 Commissioner Billie Muehlenkamp before the meeting.

Clay Lotspeich was present for open forum to offer his services to help clean up the roads in the northwestern portion of the county. He indicated that many roads have excessive weeds growing and berms built up along the edges of them. Commissioner Brown indicated that as this is in Kurt's district it will be up to him to decide if he wants to hire part time temporary help. Kurt said he will be in touch with Clay. Clay left the meeting.

County Attorney Joel Burke was in attendance to notify the board that Adams Bank & Trust needs it to be a matter of record that Arlan Wine and Karen Baker are no longer in the Chase County Attorney's office and as such they should be removed from the Chase County Attorney's bank account and Joel Burke should now be the only authorized signer on the account. Board accepted this information from Joel and indicated that the record should reflect said information.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

PE=payroll exp, TE=travel exp, SU=supply,  
SE=service, CC=court cost, RP=repairs,  
PT=parts, L=labor, UT=utility, AP=Appt. Counsel,  
PS=Prior Service EQ=Equipment JD=Juv Div

ADAMS LUMBER	SU	126.53
AFFILIATED BENEFITS CONSULTANTS	SE	50.00
AFLAC	PE	361.09
AFLAC (AFTER TAX)	PE	17.74
AMERITAS	PE	38.45
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	7758.97
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH.	SE	36503.52
AT&T MOBILITY	SE	614.93
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	91.04
BCBS	PE	27051.62
BWTELCOM	UT	145.75
CARTER, KARON DENISE	SE	720.00
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	133.32
CHASE CO COURT	CC	50.00
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	66.82
DAS STATE ACCTG	SE	513.32
DEVENY MOTORS LLC	RP	264.73
EAKES, INC	SU	365.82
EFTPS	PE	13962.77
GWORCS	SE	15683.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	1509.99
HEA	UT	223.89
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	84.55
IDEAL LINEN	SE	115.60
IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN	SE	601.51
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	1042.80
MIDWEST CONNECT	SE	416.00
MIPS,INC.	SE	1411.35

MYRTLE HEALTH, LLC	SE	50.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR	PE	320.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	1895.27
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	1417.74
OPTUM	SE	3.25
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	134.73
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	345.60
REDFIELD DIRECT, LLC	SU	267.38
REGION II SERVICES	SE	2024.00
	NET PAYROLL	40249.89
	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>156632.97</b>
AFLAC	PE	110.16
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SE	1041.00
AMERITAS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	954.03
ARTERBURN, JOHN T.	SU	2080.00
ATC GROUP SERVICES LLC	L	9660.00
BOMGAARS	SU	137.08
BUSSELL LAND LLC	SU	1160.00
BWTELCOM	UT	96.97
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40.00
EFTPS	PE	2960.83
GWORKS	SE	3543.67
GOINGS FAMILY LMTD	SU	5458.45
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC	UT	222.17
HEA	UT	112.40
IMPERIAL NAPA	PT	309.51
IMPERIAL, CITY OF	UT	184.56
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SU	35.00
STATE OF NE MOTOR FUELS	SE	379.00
MURPHY TRACTOR	EQ	13000.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR	PE	225.00
NE STATE INCOME TAX	PE	755.93
NMC	EQ/PT/L	26109.76
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS (DBA)	SU	1403.52
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	57.99
OWENS TRUE VALUE INC	SU	10.99
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	UT	103.65
SAPP BROS	FUEL	5812.31
SMITH, BONNIE	SU	1300.00
VENANGO FARMS, LLC	SU	4160.00
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	113.68
21ST CENTURY	PT	263.60
	NET PAYROLL	17024.23
	<b>ROAD FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>98831.44</b>
MIPS,INC.		135.20
	<b>PRESERVATION &amp; MODERNIZATION FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>135.20</b>
BWTELCOM		278.90
CENTURY LINK		1060.06
	<b>E911 FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>1338.96</b>
AT&T MOBILITY		591.81
AVOCATION SOFTWARE		250.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC		342.97
BWTELCOM		52.02
FABER SIGNS LLC		354.22
GREAT PLAINS COMM. INC		319.83
NE STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCE		1100.00

OFFICE SERVICE INC	116.99
PRAIRIE STATES COMM.	646.37
<b>AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>3774.21</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL CLAIMS</b>	<b>260712.78</b>

Duane Todd present for Veteran’s Service Officer agenda item. Duane presented the minutes of the Veteran’s Service Committee’s June meeting. Board reviewed minutes. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to reappoint Armando Villarreal to the Veteran’s Service Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. This appointment was for a five-year term that will run through June 30, 2028.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – abstain; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a 2004 Panasonic phone (tag #155) and a Sharp fax machine (tag #680) from the Veteran’s Service Officer’s inventory. Both items are non-working and to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Don Wilson joined the meeting to address the board concerning the county’s Federal expenditures. The total federal expenditures appear to be in excess of \$750,000. Normally this would require a single federal audit which is complex and Don will not do, however as the overage is due to the spending of ARPA funds, Don is able to do an attestation report to satisfy the audit requirements. This is called a Compliance Examination Agreement which Don is willing to do for \$3,800.00. Commissioner Brown moved to have Don Wilson prepare the Compliance Examination Agreement for Chase County for the amount of \$3,800.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Don also questioned if Imperial EMS had formed their own organization as per his audit findings last year. Commissioner Brown indicated that Imperial EMS did form their own organization and got their own EIN number. Don said that was an acceptable solution. Had discussion of funding for new ambulances and how grant funds for that would be disbursed as well as discussion of how to budget for potential IT reimbursement funding.

Board wants to budget for annual contribution to Bridge of Hope.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to remove former County Treasurer Cynthia Schoenberger from the Remote Wire Agreement at Adams Bank and Trust and add current County Treasurer Rebecca Bernard to the Remote Wire Agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Board received correspondence from Lincoln County who is working with West Central Development District to apply for funds for the USDA Technical Assistant Program as it relates to Broadband. Lincoln County sent correspondence seeking support from counties in the West Central District. Commissioners want to look into this further before taking action.

With no further business to come before the board at 9:20 Chairman Brown recessed the meeting with instructions to return at 10:30 for Board of Equalization.

Meeting resumed at 10:30, Chairman Brown recessed meeting for Board of Equalization.

Upon completion of Board of Equalization and with no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:57am.

Chase County Commissioners

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Billie Muehlenkamp – Commissioner District #1

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Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

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Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk

